

On motion of Mr. Russell, the Senate returned to the Senate Chamber.

On motion of Mr. Martin, adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SENATE CHAMBER, }
THURSDAY, Nov. 8th, 1855. }

The President called the Senate to order, pursuant to adjournment.

Roll called—quorum present—Prayer by the Chaplain—Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Mr. Flanagan presented the petition of the Heirs of Elizabeth Taylor; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Grimes presented the petition of N. T. Byers; referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Potter presented the petition of Jas. P. Nash; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Scott presented the petition of Clinton Thompson, asking for relief from the disabilities of minority; referred to a committee on State affairs.

Mr. Scott presented a memorial from various citizens of Harrison county; referred to committee of Public Lands.

Mr. White presented the petition of James Howerton; referred to committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Taylor of Cass presented the petition of various citizens of Cass county; referred to committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. McCulloch presented the petition of the heirs of Alfred Burton; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Lott presented the petition of John S. Price; referred to committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Pirkey presented the petition of Samuel McKneely, for relief; referred to committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Scarborough, as Chairman of the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred a resolution to make arrangements with the Post Master, for franking all public documents from the Senate—reported the performance of that duty, and also the compliance of the committee with the instructions requiring them to provide 2000 copies of the Governor's Message in English, 250 in German, and 250 in Spanish; and also, that the Public Printer informs them that no provision has been made for an Interpreter, in either of the foreign languages.

Mr. Martin (by leave,) presented the petition of various citizens of Anderson county; referred to committee of Public Lands.

Mr. Caldwell introduced a bill to incorporate the "Austin City Bridge Company;" read first time.

Mr. Grimes introduced a bill supplementary to an Act, authorising the cancellation of Land Patents—passed February 8d, 1854; read first time.

Mr. Truitt introduced a bill for the relief of Elizabeth Finley; read first time—also for the relief of George R. Raines; read first time.

Mr. Armstrong introduced a bill to amend an Act, To provide for the construction of the Mississippi and Pacific Rail Road; read first time.

Mr. White introduced a bill to incorporate Powder Horn Bayou and Matagorda Bay Dredging Company; read first time.

Mr. Lott introduced a bill to establish and incorporate a Female Literary Institute at Starrville, Smith county; read first time.

Mr. McCulloch introduced a bill relative to the protection of the Western Frontier; read first time.

Mr. Weatherford moved that Mr. Armstrong be added to the Committee on Public Lands; carried.

Mr. Potter moved that Mr. Guinn be added to the Committee on the Judiciary; carried.

Mr. Flanagan moved that Mr. White be added to the Judiciary committee; carried.

Mr. Lott moved that Mr. Russell be added to the Committee on Public Lands; carried.

Mr. McCulloch introduced a joint resolution, instructing our Senators, and requesting our Representatives in the Congress of the United States, to urge a treaty with the Mexican Republic, for the extradition of slaves escaping into Mexico from Texas; read first time.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill to amend an Act, authorizing the county Courts to regulate roads, &c.—approved February 4th, 1854; read first time.

Mr. Bryan moved Mr. Caldwell be added to the committee on Public Lands, and to the committee on the Judiciary; carried.

Mr. Potter moved that Mr. Palmer be added to the committee on Public Lands; carried.

Mr. Hill moved that Mr. McDade be added to the committees on Internal Improvements and public Debt; carried.

On motion of Mr. Guinn, Mr. Pirkey was added to the Judiciary committee.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill to incorporate the Texas and New Orleans Telegraph Company; read first time.

Also a bill to incorporate the Texas Cotton Seed Oil and Paper Manufacturing Company; read first time.

Mr. Guinn offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate go into the election of Reporter for the present Session ; adopted.

Mr. Russell nominated Mr. Trueblood.

" Bryan also " " "

" Armstrong " " Bradford.

Messrs. Flanagan and Burroughs were appointed Tellers.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the election was postponed until Monday morning at 10 o'clock A. M.

Mr. Allen offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on Printing be instructed to make an arrangement with the editors of the newspapers of Austin, to furnish each member of the Senate with ten copies of each tri-weekly issue.

Mr. Flanagan moved to amend by inserting twenty instead of ten.

Mr. Palmer moved to amend by adding—And ten copies of the weekly issue.

Mr. Taylor of Cass offered the following as a substitute :

That the committee be instructed to make arrangements to furnish each Senator with thirty copies of the weekly issue.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Fannin,

The Resolution, Amendments, and Substitute, were referred to the committee on Printing and contingent expenses.

Mr. Burroughs offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on Public Lands, are instructed to investigate the recent frauds committed in procuring bounty and donation land warrants, head rights, certificates, and soldier's pay ;

That they report to the Senate the extent of the frauds, with a bill to detect the same, and prevent their consummation ;

And that the committee on purposes aforesaid, are authorized to send for persons and papers ; adopted.

Mr. White offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the several paragraphs of the Governor's Message be referred to the appropriate committees ;

And that they be instructed to report upon the same, by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Hord offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on Printing be instructed to contract with Debray and Lewis of San Antonio, for the translation, printing, and delivery of the copies in the Spanish language, and with F. Lendheimer of New Braunfels, for the translation, printing, and delivery of the copies in the German language of the Governor's Message, ordered by the Senate, and the committee be instructed to report their action to the Senate for confirmation.

Referred to the committee on Printing.

Mr. Scott moved that Mr. Weatherford be added to the committee on Finance ; carried.

By leave, Mr. Armstrong presented the petitions of Joseph Solomon, Wm. Wingate, heirs of John H. Connell, Alexander McLean, Benjamin Bryant, Henry Anderson, David Chance and Elijah Thomas ; all of which were referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

ORDER OF THE DAY.

A bill to repeal an Act regulating Public Printing—approved December 27th, 1851.

Read second time and referred to the committee on Printing.

A bill to establish and incorporate a Literary Institution, under the supervision and control of the Eastern Texas Annual Conference,—located at or near the town of Gilmer, in the county of Upshur, in this State. Read second time, and referred to the committee on Education.

A bill to authorize Bartlett Sims assignee of Martha Barker, to raise a location therein named, and locate the same on any vacant lands. Read second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill making an appropriation for the payment of the Third Class Debt. Read second time and referred to the committee on Public Debt.

A bill providing for the geological survey and examination of this State. Read second time and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A bill to amend an Act regulating Attachments—approved March 11th, 1848. Read second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill granting certain Pre-Emption privileges to actual settlers on vacant public domain. Read second time and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill to amend an Act to incorporate the Jefferson Railway Company. Read second time and ordered to Engrossment.

A bill to investigate certain void and forfeited Land Titles.

Read second time and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Hill moved the Senate adjourn until 3 o'clock, P. M. ; lost.

On motion of Mr. Guinn the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock.